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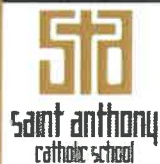


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MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 5:00 PM

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live-streamed on our YouTube channel
and our Facebook page.*

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday-Friday: 7:00 AM

Holy Day: 7:00 AM, 6:30 PM

O.C.I.A. (formerly R.C.I.A.)

Wednesday: 6:30 - 8:00 PM

New inquirers welcome year round.

ROSARY:

Thursday: 6:40 AM

ADORATION:

Thursday: 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Divine Mercy Chaplet prayed at 6:30 PM

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 PM & by request

From the Desk of Fr. Albeen

Jesus said in today's Gospel, "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" He is anxious for the whole world to experience the fire of the Holy Spirit, not just two thousand years ago, but today as well. Transformation is a slow process, and when you are transformed, the people you live with may not be so thrilled. They stay the same and wonder what's wrong with you. Some might ignore your transformation. Others will avoid you or reject you. Still others will argue with you about it. In the same Gospel passage, Jesus tells us that He will bring division. If you suddenly reject worldly values and success, your spouse may not be happy about that. Your parents might worry that you won't be able to support your family. Your kids might not like the new restrictions you set on technology. There is conflict, accusation, rejection, complaining, threats, and sometimes separation. Jesus warned us. Division is caused by Satan, not Jesus. He wants all people to be saved. He wants to open our minds to the truth, but some don't want to hear it. Does that mean we should stifle the Holy Spirit? Never! We have to love God more. We have to pray and fast for those who have not yet been transformed. We have to ask the Holy Spirit to give us holy boldness and prudence. God is always willing to give more. Are you willing to receive it? Be open to the blazing fire of the Spirit. Your transformation will help others open their hearts, minds and souls to God as well.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. FRANCIS

Sunday, August 17

9:00 am Coffee & Creed in St. Clare Hall.
11:30 am Sunday School Catechist lunch and orientation.
6:00 pm Life Teen Core Team gathering with dinner.

Wednesday, August 20

5:15 pm **Parish Dinner** returns in the FLC. We will serve Jambalaya.
6:15 pm Choir rehearsal in the Daily Chapel.
6:30 pm OCIA session in OCIA room.

Sunday, August 24

9:00 am Sunday School for PK4-6th grades.
6:30 pm Parent-Teen Kickoff at Cypress Lake Pool.



PARISH MISSION HOPE AND PILGRIMAGE WITH JOAN WATSON SAVE THE DATE! October 26-27

St. Francis is hosting a special parish mission for this Jubilee Year of Hope. Joan Watson, Catholic speaker, and author will lead our mission on Sunday and Monday evenings, October 26 and 27 from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.

The mission is open to all. Mark your calendar and bring friends for both evenings to go on a beautiful and hope-filled journey of faith. Look for registration details soon.

Joan Watson is a Catholic speaker and author who loves to make Scripture, theology, liturgy, and history accessible and applicable. She currently works as Pilgrim Formation Manager for Verso Ministries, a Catholic company who aims to facilitate encounters with Jesus Christ through pilgrimage. Propelled by Luke 12:48, Joan has served the Church and various religious apostolates for twenty years. She is passionate about helping others encounter Christ and enter into friendship with Him through the daily circumstances of life. Joan is the author of *Opening the Holy Door: Hope-Filled Reflections from St. Peter's Basilica* from Ave Maria Press and *Making a Pilgrimage: A Companion for Catholics*, due out in October from Emmaus Road.

Events & Religious Education

Children's Ministry: Sunday School

All 4-year-olds-12th graders from all schools are welcome to join us for a year of *Unwavering Hope*! Please register now to participate in our Religious Education/ Fatih Formation programs. Please scan QR Code below or follow <https://stfrancismadison.org/registration-for-youth-religious-education>. All grade levels begin on **Sunday, August 24**.



PreK4-6th grade Sunday School begins next **Sunday, August 24, 9:00-10:15 am** with a family prayer and blessing of backpacks, in the FLC gym, followed by the first class. **Parents** of all 2nd grade/older children receiving the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion this year will meet in room 109 while children are in classes.

Sunday School Catechist Lunch and Orientation will be held this **Sunday, August 17, 11:30 am-1:30 pm** in St. Clare Hall for all who are teaching Sunday School this year.

Core Team Gathering with supper for all Life Teen and Edge leaders will be held this **Sunday, August 17, 6:00-8:15 pm** in St. Clare Hall.

Children's Church leaders are needed to lead Liturgy of the Word for 3-5-year-olds during 10:30 am Mass beginning in September if enough volunteers. Leaders will serve on a rotating basis and liturgy guides are available.

Please contact Mary Catherine at mc.george@stfrancismadison.org for more info on any of our programs or if interested in volunteering to be a catechist for children, a Core Team member for teens, or Children's Church leader.

7th-12th Grade Life Teen and Youth Ministry:

Join us for "UnWAVEring Hope" **Life Teen Parent-Teen Pool Party Kickoff**, **Sunday, August 24, 6:30-8:30 pm** after 5:00 pm Mass at Cypress Lake Pool with supper and pool-side fellowship for everyone! Please bring your own chair.

Scully Fest, September 7, 6:00 pm: All youth and families of St. Francis are invited for an outdoor evening of music and worship by the Scally Brothers band, Catholic musical artists, at St. Joseph Catholic Church! Supper will be provided (\$5 each) and contributions to the Scally Brothers band are appreciated.

Confirmation Orientation for all 11th/12th graders continuing the 2nd year of their 2-year process and parents will be held on **September 14, 3:30-7:45 pm**. Fran Lavelle will give the afternoon presentation on the Sacrament of Confirmation. (5 pm Mass and supper included)

Pre-Confirmation Orientation for all 10th/11th graders entering the 1st year of their 2-year process and parents will be held **September 14, 6-7:45 pm**.



FINANCIAL GIVING



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| Weekly Goal: | \$30,000.00 |
| Collection Basket | \$15,899.50 |
| Children's Offering | \$ 137.77 |
| Online | \$ 3,909.34 |
| Total | \$19,946.61 |

August: Capital Campaign.

August 17: St. Anthony School Tuition Assistance.

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- ♦ Have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.
- ♦ Be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the church.
- ♦ Attend OCIA sessions with your candidate.

OCIA will resume this Wednesday, **August 20th at 6:30 pm in the OCIA Room.** If you're interested in becoming a sponsor or in finding out more about sponsoring, please contact Julie Clayton, OCIA Director, or any OCIA Team member. More information about the OCIA program can be obtained by calling the church office at 601-856-5556 or by visiting the church website at www.stfrancismadison.org.



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Congratulations on the Baptism of

Olivia & Elizabeth Sopha

they are the daughters of Joanna & Nathan.

*In one Spirit all of us are baptized into
one body of Christ. 2 Corinthians 12:13*



Altar flowers this weekend are in honor of the
49th Wedding Anniversary of

Joanne & Chuck Bergin

given by their family

*May God's love encircle you always
and continue to bless your lives together. 1 John 4:16*



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Sunday | Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53 |
| Monday | Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44; Mt 19:16-22 |
| Tuesday | Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30 |
| Wednesday | Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 20:1-16 |
| Thursday | Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mt 22:1-14 |
| Friday | Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Mt 22:34-40 |
| Saturday | Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Mt 23:1-12 |

MASS INTENTIONS



Sat., Aug. 16 VIGIL MASS

5:00 PM Mass † Bill Smith Jr.

Sun., Aug. 17 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM Mass † Mary Frances Winstead

9:10 AM Mass - St. Catherine ♥ Fr. Tom Lalor

10:30 AM Mass

5:00 PM Mass † Mike Dangelo

Mon., Aug. 18 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00 AM Mass † Ruth Bergin

Tue., Aug. 19 ST. JOHN EUDES

7:00 AM Mass † Joseph Gandolini

8:30 AM Mass - St. Catherine ♥ Sr. June Volpe

Wed., Aug. 20 ST. BERNARD

7:00 AM Mass † Bill Smith

Thurs., Aug. 21 ST. PIUS X

7:00 AM Mass † Chuck Snapka

8:30 AM Mass - St. Catherine ♥ Ruth Zukowski

5:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Fri., Aug. 22 THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7:00 AM Mass † Mary & Ken Brown

8:30 AM Mass - St. Catherine ♥ Sr. June Volpe

† Praying for Deceased ♥ Praying for Special Intention



PRAY FOR OUR SOLDIERS

Revell Patterson, Mark Vincent, John Logan, Christopher Hanneke, Brian Flaherty, Garrett Kennedy, Caroline Grace Smith, Greg Weatherford, James Kaiser, Dagan Nations, Lee Greco, Liam Nethery, Tristan Nethery, and Kelly Yonko.

*Thank you for protecting our country.
May the Lord keep you safe.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING



Parishioners: Rick Mills, Amanda Williams, Dora Thomas, Ann George, Michael Schenk, Tina Coats, Kathleen Hood, Elvie Clement, Chris Smith, Terry Grabiak, Louis Pellegrine, Ethan George, Betty Ravenstein, Leslie Philipp, Sieger Sims, Tom Miller, Brandy Tucker, Kregg Jones, Pat Rogers, Shannon Moody, Davis Oltremari, Marilyn Hansen, Chuck Bergin, Michelle Harrison, Joe Ellis, Barbara Willis, Mary Conner, and Bernard Dreiling.

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Friends: Lorene David, Lynn Goodman, Genesis Moore, Carrie Maniscalco, Lindsay McCollum, Consha Sims, Tommy Chifoln, Laura Higgins, Ruby Joblin, Travis Griffin, Shirley Jones, Patsy Meyer, Kay Beggerly, Gene Fox, Phil Cook, Brenda Dehm, Shannon Gilmer, Zayden Washington, Adele Brown, Carl Fields, Elizabeth Albertson, Jimmy Haltam, Mary Bradley, Gail Madden, Ethan Parker, and Linda Parish.

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